

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 256 is advanced. LB 175.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 175 was a bill that was introduced by Senator McFarland. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5 of this year, referred to the Business and Labor Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Business and Labor Committee. (See page 423 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen, please, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will you give me just a second here. My aide turned up sick today and I don't have the folder, isn't that wonderful.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Certainly.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you for the indulgence, Mr. Speaker. The committee amendments simply change the amount of compensation from \$70, which is in the bill, down to \$50. The committee felt that this was in line with what several of the other boards and commissions of like responsibilities were receiving currently in the state. Simply a reduction in the amount from \$70, as provided for in the bill, to \$50, and with that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the committee amendments to LB 175. If not, those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendments are adopted. To the bill, Senator McFarland, on LB 175 as amended.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, fellow senators. LB 175 is a bill to increase the per diem pay for members of the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission. With a great deal of caution, I have to say it was advanced unanimously out of the committee. I know that is not always a recommendation. The members of the Equal Opportunity Commission are currently paid